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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC US PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: ABIDJAN 6328

1. FROM OUR READING OF THE CABLE TRAFFIC, WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT SOME COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT OUR PROPOSAL (OFTEN "IN PRINCIPLE"), SEVERAL MAJOR COUNTRIES HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS (E.G, MEXICO, BRAZIL, FRG), AND THE MAJORITY OF ECOSOC MEMBERS ARE YET TO BE HEARD FROM OR TO TAKE A DEFINITE POSITION.

2. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, GIVEN ECOSOC'S PREOCCUPATION WITH THE DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN, DEL CONTACTS ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED UP UNTIL NOW. THESE LIMITED CONTACTS HAVE INDICATED SOME INTEREST BUT NO OVERWHELMING ENTHUSIASM FOR THE US PROPOSAL. SEVERAL DELS HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE SPECIFIC MANDATE TO THE WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT A CODE AS
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3. THE US PROPOSAL IS SCHEDULED TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 26-30 IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM 13 (TRANSNATIONAL COPORATIONS.). IN THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK (JULY 12-16), USDEL WILL BE ACTIVELY SOUNDING OUT OTHER DELEGATIONS TO SEE IF WE CAN GET A MORE DEFINITE FIX ON THEIR POSITIONS, AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH THEY MAY SEEK CHANGES IN OUR DRAFT. FELDMAN'S PRESENCE THIS WEEK WOULD ACCORDDINGLY BE HELPFUL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL. IN ANY CASE, WE URGE THAT FELDMAN OR BOND BE AVAILABLE IN GENEVA THE WEEK OF JULY -19-23 FOR MORE DETAILED CONSULTATIONS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY GIVEN THE VERY GREAT POSSIBILITY THAT THE AREA OF CONTENTION WILL BE THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP WHICH, ACCORDING TO OUR PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS, IS THE AREA MOST CRITICAL TO US.DALE

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